



Sierra Mountain Quilters Association Newsletter

NOTE MEETING DATE CHANGE

April 14, 2022 MEETING IS IN PERSON

Hospitality and Greeters: Sew Thrilled

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.



Co-Presidents' Corner

April makes me think about spring cleaning - not a favorite job but a necessary task to sort through drawers, closets and my quilt room. Also, April 22nd is Earth Day and we don't want to fill the landfills with anymore of our castoffs. Even the local thrift stores occasional cry uncle – just too much stuff. So, what to do?

ECO World in Fresno recycles shoes, clothing, and more plus our cotton scraps. Nothing will go to the landfill – nothing! Everything finds a new home/use or may be transformed into carpet padding. There are bins in Fresno for drop off and they pick-up donations in Oakhurst, too. For more information go to their website or call.

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If that's too drastic for your fabric scraps, either pick a really cool scrap quilt project and start cutting, or bag them up and share them with an SMQA scrap lover. Bev has made two bed-sized scrap quilts, mostly with scraps from friends, and is cutting a third. No doubt the Guild has many other scrap quilters.

Betsy and Bev

Based on CDC and California State guidance, masks will no longer be required at SMQA activities. However, since many of our members are over 65 and fall into one or more high-risk groups, we encourage you to wear a mask out of concern for your fellow quilters. In addition, if you are at risk, wearing a well-fitting N95 mask provides a considerable degree of protection. Recently, they have been available free at many drugstores. We will be improving ventilation by opening doors and windows at the Community Center in an attempt to make our meetings safer. We will continue to monitor the situation and make changes when and if appropriate. Bev Gulley

Hostesses and Greeters for 2022

January – Open
February – Material Girls
March – Sew Crafty
April – Sew Thrilled
May – Fabric Collage
June – Guild Officers
July – Anything with Fabric
August – Open
September – Bits and Pieces
October – Thursday Thimbles
November – Footloose
December – Christmas Party

SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING**AGENDA****April 14, 2022****Call to order****Welcome****Secretary's Report:** Minutes from Feb. 3, 2022**Quilt Show** – Constance Peterson**Reports****1st Vice Presidents** – Laura & Peter Gonzalez**2nd Vice President** – Maria Ciccarelli**Treasurer's Report** – Joan Earnest**Membership** – Sue Johnson

Webmaster

Newsletter

Cuddle Quilts

New Business**Show and Tell****Program:** John Egbert**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Happy Spring! Thank you to Penni Simily and Diane Matthews for sharing their lovely quilts with us!! You ladies are amazing! We have a few spots left for John Egbert's "Not your Grandmother's Log Cabin" class on April 15th. John is bringing his delicious toffee too!! It's worth coming just for that! We are still taking signups for Anelie Belden's Dresden Class. There are photos on the website. Looks to be a great class. Fee for her class is \$45. We are looking for people who are interested in doing a Veteran's Program in November. If you are interested, please give us a call. Stay well and see you in April!

Laura & Peter Gonzalez

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joan Earnest

February 28, 2022

Checking Account

(Balance 02/01/2022)	\$3,424.50
Deposits in February	7,612.00
Expenses in February	388.72

Balance (02/28/2022)	\$10,647.78
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SAVINGS ACCOUNT **\$19,359.23****REVISED WORKSHOP SCHEDULE**

April 14th & 15th - John Egbert
 "Not Your Grandmother's Log Cabin"
 May 5th & 6th - Anelie Belden – Dresden
 June 2nd & 3rd - Ice Cream Social
 & Chris Hudson's Chair Class
 July 7th - Buy a Table and Sell Your Treasures
 August 4th - Heidi from AVS
 Sept. 1st & 2nd - Linda Schmidt
 "Miniature Landscape"
 Oct. 6th & 7th - Patsy Carpenter
 "Paper Piecing Table Runner"
 Nov. 3rd - Veterans Recognition
 Dec. 1st - Christmas Party



Vocabulary Word:

Proquiltinating:
 working on quilts
 when you should be
 doing laundry, or dishes,
 or picking kids up from
 school.

**General Membership Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 6: 00 p.m. by president, Betsy Blum, at the Oakhurst Community Center. Betsy, then led the flag salute. She thanked the Sew Crafty Circle for decorating the refreshment table.

Margie Williams made a motion, seconded by Wendy Holt, to accept the January 6, 2022 minutes as printed in the newsletter. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Constance Peterson, Quilt Show chair, presented the Quilt Show committee.

Entrance table: Bev Williams	Featured Quilter: Bev Gulley
Kitchen, Pat Pfankuchen	Programs: Chris Hudson
Opportunity Quilter 1: Sue Johnson	Opportunity Quilter 2: Joan Earnest (collector)
Opportunity Quilt Scheduler: Tara Locks	Quilt Analyst: Wendy Holt
Quilt Collection: Rhonda Dewey	Quilt Info. and Photos: Lynn Gray
Raffle baskets: Laura Gonzalez	Security: Betty Fisher
Set-up/Take Down: Kay Marshall and Kathy Millhollon	
Signs: Lisa Kernaghan	Ticket Sales: Kay Marshall, Tara Locks
Voting/Ribbons: Helen Brown, Maria Ciccarelli	
Vendors: Penni Simily, Margie Williams	White Glove Hostesses: Janet Morita

She still needs a Quilt Show Co-Chair, a Clean-Up chair, and Publicity Co-Chairs with computer skills. Each member is responsible to sell one booklet of tickets. Extra tickets will be available at Bear Paw. The Opportunity Quilt is queen size and the goal is to earn \$6,000 by ticket sales.

Margie Williams, Spring Retreat chair, reported 22 people have signed up.

The January Treasurer's report as published in the February newsletter will be filed for audit.

Laura Gonzalez, First Vice President, reported the necessity to return checks for Chris Hudson's workshop because they are too old. The class will be on June 3. Prices for the Community Center have gone up so the price on classes has gone up to \$45. She has sign-ups for John Egbert's and Anelie Belden's classes.

Maria Ciccarelli, Second Vice President, reported she is still waiting for a letter from Mountain Crisis Women's Shelter in regards to the Community Quilt. She is hoping to start off the mentoring program with the Boys and Girls Club function in July. The quilt challenge will be titled, "Trash to Treasure".

Teri De la Torre for Sue Johnson, Membership, reported the Fall Retreat will be Sept 12-15, Mon.-Thurs. She asked for ten or more volunteers to help at the library on July 12-14, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. teaching young people (Tweens) how to sew a project. The March General Meeting is the last chance to turn in membership in order to be in the directory. Wearing a name tag qualifies one for the monthly drawing. There are 34 members in attendance tonight. Door prize winners were Betsy Anne Youngholm, Constance Peterson, and Jaydene Johnson.

Sally Walker, Webmaster, reported the mystery quilt is on the website and its free.

Charlotte Hickman, Newsletter, stated she will check on people who are not receiving the newsletter.

MARCH 3, 2022 MEETING MINUTES CONT.

Chris Hudson, Cuddle Quilts, received wheelchair bags and quilts and has kits available for pillows, quilts, and pillowcases.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. followed by Show and Tell and then a Trunk Show by Penni Simily and Diane Matthews.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Morita, secretary

**CUDDLE CORNER**

A special thank you to the ladies who attended the Spring Retreat at ECCO. Several cuddle quilt kits were taken and sewn. Your willingness to do this is greatly appreciated.

Please remember to bring your completed projects to our regular meetings, or send with a friend (don't forget your 'card' for me to stamp). Questions about Cuddle Quilts, please let me know!!!! Hope to see you at our April Meeting. Chris H.



A special thank you goes out to Laura Fisher for her generous donation of quilts and quilt tops to our Cuddle Quilt collection. Her amazing talent and years of quilting is evident in the lovely quilts she has given to SMQA. We are sure they will be greatly appreciated and cherished by the recipients.

2022 MYSTERY QUILT

We are well underway on the 2022 Mystery Quilt! So far, it's been easy peasy, right? It is not too late to jump right in, the clues are slow in coming and the steps are simple. We don't want any of you to suffer from FOMO! You know how much fun it is to see the final reveal and the Mystery Quilts on parade at our annual year end party. Clues are posted monthly on our website. This year's mystery quilt is open to all members, no sign ups required and no fee involved.

From the Member's Page on our website, select Mystery Quilts, then choose 2022 Mystery Quilt...or just click [here](#). By the way, if you are curious about mystery quilts or other quilting terms we throw around, our Membership Chair has put together a great list of definitions. The list is posted on the [website](#). If you have any questions about the mystery quilt, please contact Sally Walker.

QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE

Constance Peterson

Quilt Show May 19 -21, 2023

The Quilt Show Committee has chosen "Gateway to Yosemite" as the theme of the Quilt Show.

Thanks to all the members who signed up at the February meeting and to those who agreed to help. There is still a need for these positions:

A Co-Chair, to work with me
 Opportunity Quilt Schedulers
 Clean-up Chair (after the quilt show. You will have a crew to help).

Current Quilt Show Committee Chairs

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FOR SALE

Serger and sewing furniture formerly owned by Peggy McNelly. If interested contact Randy McNelly at 559-760-2455 and/or email at randymcnelly@sti.net.

Singer Serger Professional Overlock Sewing Machine #14T968DC \$ 500
 Koala Outback Sewing Table \$1,500



Wendy Holt is selling her sewing furniture pictured below. Shown is an Amish manufactured cabinet that was built to fit Singer and Janome sewing machines and a Janome serger on the right side. It also has a thread shelving pull out. The Amish cabinet height is 30.5" x 78.5" open x 19.5" deep for \$1,200. If interested contact Wendy at 818-813-0797 for more information.

**AMENITIES**

Linda Miller

Linda Pennington	Get Well
Pat Bauer	Sympathy

If you know of a member who would appreciate receiving a card, please let Linda know.

CIRCLE NEWS

Anything With Fabric meets 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Oakhurst Public Library every Monday. All are welcome. Contact: Ronda Dewey or Constance Peterson

Sew Crafty Quilters is open to new and current members. We meet at Oakhurst Library Community Room the 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 1 – 4 p.m. Contact Teri De La Torre, 831-728-2027.

Fabric Collage is a new circle which meets the 2nd & 4th Fridays at Bear Paw, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (2nd Fri. only in Feb. & Mar.) We are open & welcome new members. We will help anyone who wants to learn about fabric collage. Contact: Janet Morita, 559-760-5018, janet@morita.com.

Bits & Pieces welcomes new member, Jaydene Johnson. Jaydene is a new SMQA member and Mariposa resident.



Anything With Fabric members Rhonda D., Joan E., Sue J. and Laura D. display some of their beautiful charity quilts.



FEATURED QUILTING CIRCLE ANYTHING WITH FABRIC

Why “**Anything with Fabric?**” When looking for a name, we wanted to be all inclusive. Do you like making postcards? Baskets? Anything with fabric? Yep, that’s us.

We’ve been together for about 5 years now. We made it through the early covid period by meeting on Zoom twice a week. We’d all sew and chat it up...just like before, only virtually. When we were able to meet in person again, we started meeting once a week every Monday from 9 am to 1 pm at the Oakhurst Library.

We’ve donated our time by making the current Opportunity Quilt. It was fun to combine three Material Girlfriends patterns into one big quilt! We had some help from the Material Girlfriends themselves & their enthusiastic approval. Our group also completed a queen-sized quilt as part of SMQA’s charity program.

Our members are very active in the guild. Our sewing circle is represented by: Bev Gulley, President; Laura Gonzalez, First Vice President; Joan Earnest, Treasurer; Sue Johnson, Membership; Laura Donahue, Parliamentarian; Constance Peterson, Quilt Show Chair and Rhonda Dewey, Quilt Collector for the 2023 quilt show.

We love field trips, shop hops, fabric store sales and eating out! It doesn’t take much to get us together. We truly enjoy each other’s company.





Sierra Mountain Quilters Association 2022 Membership Form

Your membership dues support the many functions of SMQA, including: meetings, speakers, workshops, newsletter, website, quilting free sews, Biennial Quilt Show, and fellowship.

Membership: *(Please circle one)*

Individual Membership: \$25

Family: \$35

Please Print Clearly

NAME: _____

Day of Birth: *(Month/Day)* _____

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Mailing Address *(if different from above):* _____

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Note: Please mail your check to SMQA, P.O. Box 1359, Oakhurst, CA 93644

Membership Chair Use Only:

Date Paid: _____ Check number _____ Amount: _____

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Oakhurst Branch Library is having a summer reading program which will include teaching students a skill. Ten volunteers are needed to teach these skills.

The first is Basics of Sewing on June 22 at which students will be taught hand sewing. Kits will be provided.

The second is teaching a sewing project to Tweens July 12-14 from 1 to 3 pm. At the conclusion of the three days each student will go home with a finished project.

Please contact Teri De La Torre at dltcteri@aol.com if you can volunteer.



"I guess not all layer cakes work well with candles."

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Lynn Gray	4/1
Peggy Moore	4/1
Bobbi Sloan	4/10
Sheila Hotovec	4/12
Georgia Harvey	4/14
Laura Gonzalez	4/16
Faith Moore	4/17
Sally Walker	4/18
Donna Baxter	4/28
Margie Williams	4/28
Pat Bauer	4/30

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!



The birthday ladies are requested to bring purchased individually wrapped snacks to the meeting.



HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES

April 1:	April Fool's Day
April 2:	World Autism Awareness Day
April 5:	National Deep-Dish Pizza Day
April 7:	No Housework Day
April 16:	Husband Appreciation Day
April 17:	Easter
April 19:	Wear Pajamas to Work Day
April 22:	Earth Day
April 30:	National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day

APRIL FLOWER

April's birth flowers are the **daisy** and the **sweet pea**.

The daisy symbolizes purity, true love and innocence. In Old English, people called daisies the "day's eye," since the petals closed around the yellow center at night and reopened during the day. Daisies are great flowers to show your undying love.

Sweet peas symbolize blissful pleasure. Sweet peas are known for their sweet fragrance, and are a great way to make your home smell like spring!

Quilt Guild Definitions

For Our Guests and New Members

We know that the first few meetings you come to can be confusing. All sorts of terms are being thrown around and you're sitting there wondering what the discussion is about. So, we've put together a list of some of these buzz words.

1. **Community Quilt:** A quilt made by members to donate to a club or organization to be used as a fund raiser.
2. **Cuddle Quilts:** Our own charity program. We provide a kit with everything you need to make a quilt. When you turn it in, you get a card stamped. After 5 quilts, you receive a spool of Aurifil thread. The quilt is then donated to one of the recipients on our list. These include Valley Childrens Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, Hinds Hospice, Helping Hands, Women's Shelters, Fire Dept., Oakhurst Wellness Center, and others.
3. **Greeters:** One sewing circle group is assigned, each month, to greet arriving members at the door. This circle is also responsible for decorating the refreshment table that month.
4. **Mystery Quilt:** A fun program to make a quilt over the course of the year. One member takes charge & gives out instructions for a portion of the quilt each month. You won't know how it's going to look until it's done! There may be a nominal fee for participation.
5. **Opportunity Quilt:** Our big fund raiser. A quilt is made to be raffled every other year, coinciding with our quilt show.
6. **PIQF:** Pacific International Quilt Festival is held in October at the Santa Clara Convention Center. Lots of classes, vendors, and show quilts.
7. **Quilt Show:** Every 2 years our guild has its own quilt show. Our next show is in May of 2023.
8. **Raffle:** We sell tickets for the Opportunity Quilt during the time in between quilt shows.
9. **Retreat:** Twice a year our guild sponsors a retreat at the ECCO center in Oakhurst. We bring our machines & come back for usually 4 days in a row to quilt all day, eat a lunch that is provided & enjoy each other's company.
10. **Road to CA:** Quilt show, classes, vendors at the Ontario Convention Center, Ontario, CA, held in January.
11. **Sewing Circles:** Do you like companionship while sewing? Join a sewing circle and get to know more people!
12. **Show and Tell:** At each monthly guild meeting, we spend a segment of time showing our completed quilts.
13. **SMQA:** That's our guild's name...Sierra Mountain Quilters Association.
14. **Snack Table:** On the month of your birthday, we ask you to bring a snack to share with the group at the Guild Meeting.
15. **Trunk Show:** Often we have guest speakers at our guild meetings. Usually, they bring a collection of the quilts they have made to show us. This is referred to as a trunk show.
16. **Workshop:** Often, our guest speaker from the Thursday night guild meeting, will present a class the following day. Tuitions may vary in amount.

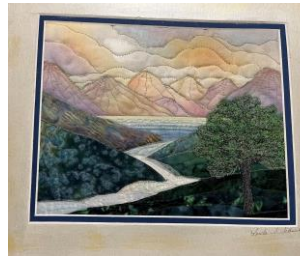


At her workshop in May, Anelie Beldon will be teaching the Jellyroll Split Blade Dresden. This is one of three designs you might be interested in learning if you sign up for the workshop.



The 2023 SMQA Opportunity Quilt.

This is an example of a landscape quilt which will be taught by Linda Schmidt at her Landscape Quilt Workshop in September.



March 3 Meeting Highlights



Wendy, Teri and Rhonda as the Sew Crafty hostesses, celebrating the "Luck O' the Irish."



One of several quilts sewn by the Bits and Pieces circle to be donated to the Women's Crisis Center in Mariposa.



Examples of some of the beautiful quilts from the Trunk Show presented by Diane and Penni.



Kathy M. displays a lovely mini heart quilt.



Wendy H. and her quilted foot stool.



Laura G. and a trio of small quilts.



Rhonda shows her completed "cuddle quilt."



Betsy B. with her colorful quilt.

Fun times at the Spring Retreat at ECCO



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BADGE AT THE NEXT MEETING!***

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1st Vice Presidents	Laura and Peter Gonzalez
2nd Vice President	Maria Ciccarelli
Treasurer	Joan Earnest
Secretary	Janet Morita

*Board Meetings are held at 1:00 p.m. on the fourth
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